DODGE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING October 3, 2014

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Darrell Pollesch
Lisa Derr
Larry Bischoff
Larry Schraufnagel

Also Present: James Mielke, County Administrator; Brian Pfitzinger, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Patricia Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Dale Schmidt, Sheriff's Department; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Schraufnagel to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Dale Schmidt told the Committee that he is looking forward to working with the Committee beginning in January. If he is not at future meetings it will mean that he is on the road on patrol.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Pollesch to approve Minutes of September 5, 2014; second by Schraufnagel. Motion carried.

Communications/Announcements: Chairperson Miller reported on the WCA convention. She and other members of the Committee attended juvenile justice, TAD, finance and evidence-based presentations.

Announcements: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Pfitzinger reported on Alcohol Court which is held every Friday beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Branch 1.

Clerk of Courts Report: Although there were no formal agenda items, Lynn Hron reported that she, the Sheriff's Department, Scott Smith and Judge Storck have been working together on the surrender of firearms procedures in injuction hearings. They will be sending these procedures to the Dodge County Bar. This procedure will only for Dodge County as each county sets their own procedures.

She also reported on her recent attendance at a Challenge Incarceration Program which essentially is boot camp for inmates. These inmates have to follow strict guidelines for the 6 months they are in this program.

Child Support Report: No report.

District Attorney Report: DA Klomberg reported on a server issue that was experienced in his office on Thursday. Although there had been a problem, it was a good test for their back-up plans, and the staff was able to cover while the system was 'down'. Both the County & State IT departments did a great job getting them back up and running.

Last week Bob made a presentation to all the State & County IT directors on the eventual mandatory efiling. Counties need to get this on the agenda for their County Boards so that there is understanding what will be needed between the State & Counties for both their staff and equipment. Lynn reported that two more counties are coming here for visits to see how this all works.

Kurt reported that there will be another Heroin Forum at the Beaver Dam High School on Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 and he hopes for a large turn-out.

The basic idea of evidence based practices is to get the best results. This would be to keep some individuals from re-offending and return people to having law-abiding behavior. He gave an explanation of how his way of thinking has changed from previously giving a first time offender a long sentence will be helpful in keeping an individual from re-offending.

Evidence looks at where the dollars are going – if a program doesn't actually have a positive result, the question is do you want to keep funding it. The idea is to have a positive result and devise strategies that will have a measureable positive result.

The TAD program is completely grounded in evidence based practices. TAD will also will be available to people that will plead. We currently have a lot of programs in place and we want to get the best benefits out of our investment. He explained that evidence-based practices are non-traditional and the public may not understand the reasoning behind it.

Medical Examiner Report: ME Schoebel gave the Committee his report on 3rd quarter activities, with the totals being higher this year. Cremations are up significantly with autopsies at a slight increase. Inmate numbers are also up. These increases should not have a significant impact as revenues are also higher. His 2015 budget will reflect the increase in numbers for the year 2014.

Sheriff Department Report: Sheriff Ninmann discussed the TAD transfer between the Sheriff's Department and Human Services. She has already met with Janet Wimmer. Human Services will be overseeing the TAP grant, so a transfer would enable both programs to be under Human Services. A Resolution will be brought to the Law Enforcement and Human Services Departments for that purpose. Jim Mielke explained the impact would be equalized between the departments. There was discussion on when to act on this. The next County Board Meeting is November 12 and it will be put on that Agenda. Kurt also believes this will be a good move. The TAD Director's office is already located in the Henry Dodge Office Building. The Sheriff anticipates that the County will be a role model in the implementation of this project.

Other business: The Clerk of Courts, Lynn Hron, is the presenter for this month's meeting and she passed out to the Committee information regarding her department. The meeting then adjourned to her office for a tour.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned on Motion of the Chair at 9:50 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next

committee meeting.

Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary

Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary